

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0027] as follows:

Figure 3 shows a further alternative of a compact protective switching device according to at least one embodiment of the invention. In the illustration, the fuse 3 is disconnected from the current path at two disconnection points. The fuse 3 can thus be removed from the protective switching device 1 with no voltage applied. An overload device 8 for protection against overloading is arranged downstream from the switching device 2, which is also illustrated here as the thyristor, in the protective switching device 1. A monitoring device 12 can be provided for recording of tripping of the at least one fuse. The tripping of the fuse can thus be signaled and can be further processed.